

If huge media conglomerates continue to swallow up independent newspapers and broadcast outlets, the quality of news and information will be destroyed and America's newsrooms will be transformed from society's watchdogs into corporate lapdogs. I do not believe that media conglomerates are concerned with a well-informed citizenry, essential to the democratic process. I have the impression that highly paid corporate insiders have been quietly at work influencing the FCC to lift the ban on cross-ownership of media-which currently prevents a single company from owning newspapers and broadcast stations in the same market. Without these protections, America will lose its independent voices. I would like you to know that I am profoundly opposed to the corporate takeover of media. Thanks for listening. Peggy